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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT OBJECTIVES AND GOALS MENTIONED
REFTEL. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED
CHANGES BY SEPTEMBER 6.

2. BEGIN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

I. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED MODERATE BAHRAINII APPROACH TO EAST-WEST AND INTER-ARAB POLITICAL ISSUES

-- ENCOURAGE SYMPATHETIC BAHRAINII VIEW OF U.S. EFFORTS TO
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HELP ACHIEVE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE.

-- PROVIDE GOB LEADERSHIP WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON
PENINSULA AND GULF POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS.
-- CONSULT CLOSELY WITH GOB ON OTHER MULTILATERAL ISSUES
AFFECTING U.S. INTERESTS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO
ENERGY-RELATED MATTERS, AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

-- RESPOND POSITIVELY, WITHIN CONFINES OF OUR REGIONAL ARMS POLICY, TO REASONABLE REQUESTS FOR ARMS SALES BASED ON RESULTS OF BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE SURVEY.

-- ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF HAWAR ISLAND TERRITORIAL DISPUTE WITH QATAR, WHILE KEEPING U.S. UNINVOLVED IN ACTUAL SETTLEMENT PROCESS.

II. FURTHERING OF U.S. SECURITY OBJECTIVES IN GULF AREA.

-- INSURE CAREFUL OBSERVANCE OF TERMS OF 1977 AGREEMENT WHEREBY MIDDLE EAST FORCE BECAME AFLOAT COMMAND, WHILE RESISTING WITHIN LIMITS OF PRACTICALITY ANY ATTEMPTS FURTHER TO REDUCE NAVY'S FACILITIES.

-- ENCOURAGE CLOSE BAHRAIN COOPERATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL STATES, PARTICULARLY WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

III. INDIRECT ASSISTANCE TOWARD PRESERVING INTERNAL STABILITY OF BAHRAIN.

-- ASSIST GOB IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS (E.G., MORE STABLE SYSTEM OF LABOR RELATIONS; IMPROVED MANPOWER PLANNING CAPABILITY).

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-- WITHIN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AL-KHALIFAS TO RESTORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, WITHOUT UNDERMINING THEIR BASIC AUTHORITY.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL TIES.

-- ENCOURAGE GOB TO CONTINUE OPEN-DOOR POLICY VIS-A-VIS FOREIGN FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS.

-- CONTINUE U.S. TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS WHICH STRESS BAHRAIN'S ADVANTAGES AS REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER.

-- PERSIST WITH LOCAL EXCHANGES ON ARAB BOYCOTT, AIMING TO RELAX BAHRAIN COUP PRACTICES.

V. ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING OTHER SOURCES OF NATIONAL INCOME AIMED EVENTUALLY AT REPLACING BAHRAIN'S DWINDLING OIL INCOME.

-- ASSURE SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE OF USAID TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BOTH REIMBURSABLE AND NON-REIMBUR-
SABLE.

-- CONTINUE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER
SOURCES.

-- SEEK TO INSURE THAT SAUDIS CONTINUE HIGH PRODUCTION
FROM ABU SAFAH FIELD FROM WHICH BAHRAIN DERIVES OIL INCOME.

-- CONTINUE PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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